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BRIDGMAN NURSERY COMPANY

F. C. STAHELIN & SON

Bridgman, Michigan

GROWERS OF

Strawberry and Other Small Fruit Plants



Special Offers

So many of our customers wrote for special prices last year that we have made selections of the most profitable and best varieties, upon which we are quoting you special low prices, which we fully guarantee to be of best quality and give satisfaction.

Collection of Fruits

COLLECTION 1. Home-garden collection, early to late.

25 Bederwood	\$0.30	25 Haverland	\$0.30
25 Warfield .....	.30	25 Clyde .....	.35
25 Senator Dunlap .....	.30	25 Pocomoke .....	.25
Postage 37 cents, total \$1.80. All by mail, postpaid, for \$1.10.			

COLLECTION 2. Reliable market varieties, early to late.

25 Pride of Michigan (Baldwin's)	\$0.25	25 Haverland	\$0.30
25 Sample .....	.30	25 Gandy .....	.35
25 Brandywine .....	.35	25 Aroma .....	.30
Postage, 37 cents, total \$1.85. All by mail, postpaid, for \$1.15.			

The following collections are by express, receiver to pay charges

COLLECTION 3. Garden Collection, early to late.

50 Michel's Early	\$0.35	50 Pocomoke	\$0.35
50 Senator Dunlap .....	.40	50 Aroma .....	.40
Total, \$1.50. Will furnish this collection for \$1.15.			

COLLECTION 4. Reliable market varieties.

50 Glen Mary	\$0.40	50 Stevens Late	\$0.40
50 Splendid .....	.40	50 Sample .....	.40
50 Senator Dunlap .....	.40	50 Pocomoke .....	.35
50 Haverland .....	.40	50 Chesapeake .....	.50
Total \$3.25. This collection furnished for \$2.25.			

Home Fruit Garden

	Catalog Price
200 Beder Wood	\$1.30
200 Haverland	1.20
200 Gibson	1.40
200 Stevens Late Champion, late	1.30
100 King, best early red raspberry .....	.95
100 Cumberland, best black raspberry	1.00
100 Eldorado, best blackberry	1.10
	\$8.25

Our Special Price \$5.00.

One Acre Collections

One-acre collection of good standard reliable Strawberries for home use or market.

1000 Pride of Michigan	\$1.50	1000 Brandywine	\$2.00
1000 Glen Mary	2.00	1000 Haverland	1.75
1000 Clyde	2.00	1000 Dunlap	1.50
1000 Wm. Belt	3.00	1000 Splendid	2.00

Total, \$15.75. This collection \$13.75.

Five hundred of each of the above varieties for \$8.50.

One Acre Collection--Raspberries

200 Cuthbert.	800 Gregg, Black Cap.
200 King Red.	500 Cumberland, Black Cap.
800 Kansas, Black Cap.	

Guaranteed to net \$300.00 annually, if properly cared for. Special introductory price, \$15.50.

One-half acre, 1250 plants	\$8.00	12 plants of each variety, postpaid	\$1.25
One-quarter acre, 625 plants	5.00	6 plants of each variety, postpaid .....	.75

One Acre Collection of Blackberries

200 Early Harvest.	300 Eldorado Blackberry.
800 Mercerau.	900 Wilson Blackberry.
300 Blower Blackberry.	

2500 plants, planted 2 1/2 to 6 feet, enough for one acre.

Special Price	\$21.35
1/2-acre collection	11.25
1/4-acre collection	6.00
12 of each variety	1.00

GREETING



WE WISH TO THANK all of our friends and patrons for their very generous orders the past year. We have worked hard to please and feel sure from the numerous flattering letters we have received that we have done so.

In making out your orders, ask us any questions you would like information on. We have been in the fruit business a life time and anything we can inform you on we will cheerfully do so. We aim to give you accurate descriptions of each variety we catalog, and you can rest assured that they are correct. We have not catalogued any of the high-priced novelties nor plants we know nothing of, nor of Hybrids whose yield is sometimes enormous and of a wondrous size, **but of no value**, and needs a special course of training before you can induce your palate to let them pass. Some taste like

mulberries and some like a cross between a carrot and a pumpkin, or sometimes worse.

Again thanking you for past favors, and wishing to add as many new friends as possible the coming season, knowing we will please you with the fine quality, the good count and special care we take to insure the safe arrival of the plants to you so you will get them in prime condition, we remain

Yours very truly,

BRIDGMAN NURSERY CO.,
F. C. Stahelin & Son,
Bridgman, Michigan.

Our Guarantee

We guarantee our plants to be true to name; grown by us upon soil that is ideally perfect for the production of the best possible plants. That we will personally pack (or oversee it) that you will receive nothing but the very best of each variety. Every plant will grow and bear you as large a crop of berries as any plant grown, we do not care where you may get them and at what prices you might pay for them. We have the plants, know how to grow them, and understand that when you pay money for them, you would like to be assured that you will get nothing but first-class stock in every way. Knowing this, we assure you that we will please you and retain you as one of our regular customers.

Our stock of strawberry plants consists of all the leading standard varieties that have been proven in every way. We do not offer you a berry that is as large as a chicken's egg nor berries that come as soon as the snow may leave the ground nor berries that bear all summer and part of the winter. But we offer you berries that will keep you on the jump to keep them picked. Berries that will span a six weeks' packing season, and will make you money fast. Not a few quarts now and a few later, but great quantities of them. Berries that you can sell. That will have all the beauty, size, color, flavor, firmness and hardiness combined. Many berries possess one of each of the above qualities but when you get most of them in a few, you will have to discard a great many varieties that may be offered to you. Therefore, we do not carry on our catalog varieties that we think are faulty in any way. We grow berries for market, and realize that the best bring the most money, and these will be what you will get if we can prevail upon you to do what is to your financial interest.

Order Early

And we ask you to send your orders early. As only one-third of the price will be asked to accompany the order, it will insure you what you want and you will know that you will be able to get plants that you need for your spring setting. Our crop of plants is the very best we ever had and will be sure to please you.

We can supply you with plants from a dozen to millions. We prefer a nice large order, but small ones will be appreciated, knowing that larger ones may follow. We are prepared for a large trade this coming spring. So send in your orders early. If you want to set a number of acres, write to us what you want and we will make you special prices.

Shipping

We advise shipping by express. Our shipping season commences as soon as the frost is out of the ground, and ends the early part of May.

Payments

Cash must accompany the order. If you wish to order early, one-third of the amount will book and hold your order until shipping season. The balance must then be forwarded before shipment will be made. Remit by Money Order, Bank Draft, Registered Letter, or postage stamps for amount under one dollar.

Packing

We pack plants carefully in ventilated crates. We make no charge for boxing or packing and deliver F. O. B., Bridgman, Michigan.

True to Name

We endeavor to furnish plants true to name, but will not be responsible for more than the original cost of stock.

Our Responsibility

We refer you to any merchant in Bridgman or to the Union Banking Company of St. Joseph, Michigan.

Our plants are inspected by the State Inspector of Nurseries, and a certificate of inspection will accompany each shipment.

Breeding Strawberry Plants

This is a period of progressiveness. The old ways are matter of history. We no longer go to any strawberry patch to get our plants for the new beds, regardless of kind or condition, or the state they may be in. We are living in a time when all things have become new, and we go to the man who makes it a business to supply us with the best that his time and experience enables him to produce, and as such we present our plants to you. We have worked on this berry problem, have selected and "bred" such strains as we know will give you good results.

Planting

To insure a good stand of plants great care must be exercised in planting. Many ways are recommended and many ways are successful. As to distance apart the plants should be set and the number of plants per acre, much depends on the various localities. For a matted row, "which is most popular," the rows should be three and one-half or four feet apart and the plants on an average of eighteen inches apart in the row. Thrifty growing varieties in localities where strawberries make a luxuriant growth can be planted further apart. When it is desired to grow the plants without allowing the runners to root, as is done in the hill culture, the plants may be planted ten to twelve inches apart. All runners should be cut off as fast as they start and the plants will stool out and develop into enormous plants, producing great quantities of berries.

We now have all our planting done with spades as we find it to be the most successful.

Soil and Location

It has been demonstrated that Strawberries will grow in almost any kind of soil and yield good returns. Good rich loamy soil, well drained, is best. Plant early varieties on high land, the late varieties usually do best on low ground, as they bloom late, after all danger of frost is past. During a dry season low land becomes very valuable for late berries. Its moisture will mature a good crop when high land will have become very dry.

Cultivation

As soon after setting as practicable, the surface should be stirred very shallow, being careful not to disturb the roots of the plants, also not to cover up the hearts or crowns of the plant, as the latter will cause the plants to die, by rotting or smothering the crown. This early cultivation is essential for several reasons. First, to be sure that all the openings near the plant are filled, also to preserve moisture by arresting evaporation through capillary attraction.

This shallow cultivation should be kept up through the season, never allowing the surface to crust. It is necessary to do some hand work with the hoe in order to loosen all the surface and keep down weeds. The latter is very important as one cannot successfully grow two crops on the same ground at the same time. Blossoms should be pinched out from all spring set plants as they should not grow any fruit the first season, as it weakens the growth of the plant and is liable to kill them.

All runners should be cut off during the first six weeks, when if matted row is wanted the runners may be allowed to root until the desired row is obtained, after which all runners should be kept trimmed off.

Number Plants Required to Set One Acre

1x1 foot.....43,560	4x4 feet..... 2,722	6x4 feet..... 1,815	7x7 feet..... 888
2x1 foot.....21,780	5x1 foot..... 8,712	6x5 feet..... 1,452	8x3 feet..... 1,815
2x2 feet.....10,890	5x2 feet..... 4,356	6x6 feet..... 1,210	8x4 feet..... 1,361
3x1 foot.....14,520	5x3 feet..... 2,904	7x1 foot..... 6,222	8x5 feet..... 1,089
3x2 feet..... 7,270	5x4 feet..... 2,178	7x2 feet..... 3,111	8x6 feet..... 905
3x3 feet..... 4,845	5x5 feet..... 1,724	7x3 feet..... 2,074	8x7 feet..... 777
4x1 foot.....10,890	6x1 foot..... 7,260	7x4 feet..... 1,555	8x8 feet..... 680
4x2 feet..... 4,445	6x2 feet..... 3,630	7x5 feet..... 1,244	
4x3 feet..... 3,630	6x3 feet..... 2,420	7x6 feet..... 1,037	





Gibson

Strawberry Plants

AROMA. A popular berry, grown by many in place of the Gandy. Foliage is smooth, deep green, of spreading habit, and gives the sun a clear right of way to the crowns. The leaves are long, broad and clean. As a pollinizer for late pistillates it is unexcelled, and its picking season is unusually long, as the blooms begin to open medium early and continue until late. The berries of this variety are very large, bright red. The flavor of the fruit is deliciously aromatic and very rich, and the flesh is smooth and solid. Its appearance in the box is most attractive, the prominent yellow seeds heightening the effect of the bright red of the flesh. We have grown an extra large stock of the Aroma plants and believe we can supply the demand for spring setting. We advise you to place your order early. Aroma will please you. It is the best late strawberry grown. Ripens a few days ahead of the Gandy and is twice as prolific. Price \$2.00 per 1000, \$1.25 per 500.

AUGUST LUTHER. Fruit is very uniform in size and shape. Plants are healthy and make good row. The fruit is of good size, roundish, bright red, firm and very easily picked. It succeeds best on rather light soil. One of the best early varieties. Price, \$2.00 per 1000, \$1.25 for 500.

BRANDYWINE (Per.) This has proved so satisfactory with all who have grown it that it is consequently in large demand. It is comparatively new and of great value by reason of its productiveness, large size, beauty and good quality. The berries are glossy crimson, very handsome, firm and solid, excellent in quality, with fine aromatic flavor. The ber-

ries color all over evenly and retain a good size to the last, ripening in succession, and every berry maturing fully. Plant is remarkably vigorous, hardy and exceedingly productive, and its foliage is large, clean and healthy. A superb variety, and careful culture will give magnificent returns. Midseason to late. It is also an excellent pollinizer for midseason to late pistillates. We offer this splendid variety at the extremely low price of \$2.25 per 1000, \$1.25 per 500.

BEDER WOOD (Per.) One of the very best early varieties for home use or market. It is a splendid grower, making a large number of strong runners. It has a perfect blossom, and is immensely productive. Fruit of good size, light red, medium firmness and good quality. One of the best to plant with early blooming pistillate varieties.

It certainly is a much better market berry than a lot of the newer sorts that are given lengthy descriptions and loudly praised. Its worst feature is its color, which is a little too light. I would recommend it as a reliable sort for market purposes.

It has a peculiarly dry and spongy nature which enables shipping it long distances without injury. It is an excellent plant-maker, setting freely and rooting deep; thus being able to withstand drouth better than those sorts not rooting so deeply. Recommend it as a paying market sort. We offer this variety at \$2.00 per 1000, \$1.15 per 500.

BUBACH (Imp.) Fruit large and handsome, roundish, conical, bright scarlet, moderately firm. Plant a strong grower, with a



BUBACH—Continued

large healthy foliage and very productive. Succeeds on light or heavy soil. Desirable for home use or near market. One of the best. Season early to medium. This is an old standby, and is deservedly popular. Plant growth vigorous, but does not throw out excess of runners. It is best grown in hedge or half-matted row. This variety is as well known and widely disseminated as any grown, and it is as popular as it was several years ago. We always run out of stock long before the close of the season. While it is hardly firm enough for long-distance shipping still it will hold up for ordinary marketing, and is one of the largest berries grown. Plants of this variety while they last, \$2.50 per 1000, \$1.50 per 500.

CLYDE (Stam.) A very large, most wonderfully prolific strawberry, yields great crops of berries, slightly light in color, foliage sometimes insufficient to protect the berries from the sun, needs good rich soil, do best on moist soil. Price \$2.00 per 1000, \$1.25 per 500.

CRESCENT (P.) An old variety, and still popular with some growers. A berry of fair size and flavor, productive. Good plant maker, one of the very best berries to resist spring frosts, not very firm, still firm enough for near markets. \$2.00 per 1000, \$1.15 per 500.

ENORMOUS (P.) Medium to late, of irregular shape, very productive, crimson color, very fine flavor, exceedingly firm, very large. Price \$2.00 per 1000, \$1.25 per 500.

GANDY (S.) One of the leading late varieties with fruit growers all over the country. The plant is a strong grower, fruit is large and firm, does not yield as heavy as some; requires strong soil and fertilizers to do its best. It is very late and a big showy berry. Gandy is always quoted at the highest price in every market. It is the finest looking fruit and sells quickly at top prices. You will not make a

Senator Dunlap

mistake if you want some Gandy for late fancy berries. We have a fine stock. Price \$2.50 per 1000, \$1.50 per 500.

GLEN MARY (Bisex). A well known variety, bright green foliage, upright grower. The Glen Mary is only semi-staminate. The berries are big, dark red beauties, with prominent seeds of bright yellow; the meat is rich and juicy, and crimson in color. They are of such high flavor that when once eaten more are wanted. As a good, firm shipper it is very popular; for fancy local market there are few, if any, better, and for this reason it is popular with both the large and the small grower. We have reduced the price on this popular variety so it comes within the reach of all. Price, \$2.00 per 1000, \$1.15 per 500.

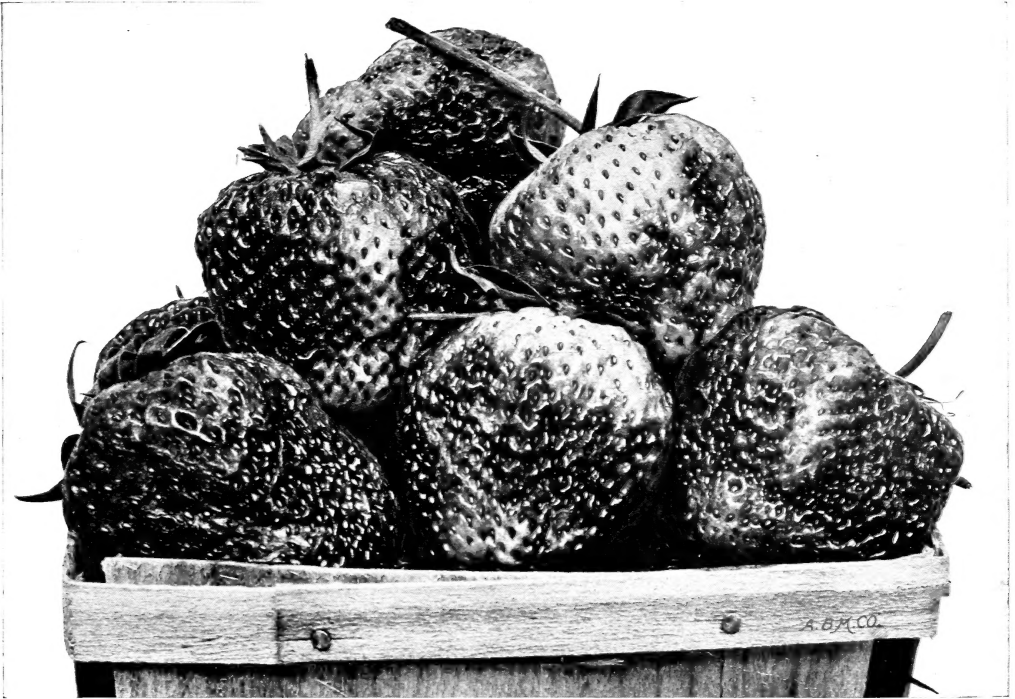
GIBSON (S.) A wonderful new strawberry. Gibson commences to bear with Senator Dunlap, Warfield, etc., but owing to its wonderful productiveness it continues till quite late, so we class it with our medium late varieties. It is a very strong grower, with long roots that withstand dry weather and has plenty of dark green foliage to protect its enormous crop of fruit from the direct rays of the sun.

Look at these qualifications:

The vines are loaded with berries. You will hardly understand how the plants can produce such quantities of fruit.

Berry is extra large. One of our very largest strawberries.

A beautiful dark, glossy red. The flesh of the berry is red clear through. Calyx is bright



William Belt

GIBSON—Continued

green, adding greatly to its beauty and market value.

The flavor is as fine as can be found in any strawberry; a perfect table and canning berry and owing to its tough skin it is one of the very best of shipping varieties.

Nearly round and regular.

Fruit Stems. Are plenty and are strong and upright. This keeps the fruit up out of the sand, where they are clean and where they are easy to find and pick.

The Gibson has been grown extensively in this county for several years, and is one of the most profitable commercial strawberries in this great "Fruit Belt." Price, \$2.50 per 1000, \$1.40 per 500.

GERSONDA (S.) A Strawberry originated here, it has been thoroughly tested, is one of the greatest berries to yield, very hardy, berries bright red color, always well shaped, good size, fairly firm, not as sweet as some, but tart enough for canning, jellies, etc. Price, \$1.75 per 1000, \$1.00 per 500.

HAVERLAND—P—(Medium.) This is a mid-season producer and has more competition as such than either the earlier or the late variety, consequently when it is said that the Haverland is a profit producing variety it means a great deal in its favor. The plants are healthy, vigorous and large, producing ample runners and is a producer of recognized ability. It is an extremely hardy variety and so productive that the stems are unable to hold the fruit from the ground. This makes mulching desirable, and that would assist to rapid handling at picking time. It is one of the good old varieties that have always stood good. Price, \$2.00 per 1000, \$1.00 per 500.

LOVETT. Well established variety; good cropper; firm berry; mid-season. Not planted much as formerly, still there is some call for it. Price, \$1.50 per 1000, 500 for 90 cents.

MICHEL'S EARLY STANDARD, an old and established variety. Has been before the berry raising public for many years. It is a good berry if properly understood. It makes so many runners and rows get matted that they grow small and in connection with its light color make it undesirable for the best markets. Price, \$1.75 per 1000, 500 for 90 cts.

PRIDE OF MICHIGAN (S.) (Baldwin's.) Plants medium size, healthy, a good plant maker, has good strong fruit stems, fruit medium to large, glossy red color. Roundish, conical and regular in form, reasonably firm and productive, medium early. This new variety was introduced by Mr. Baldwin, who recommends it very highly. We have not fruited it, but will do so this season. Price, \$1.50 per 1000, 90 cents per 500.

CHESAPEAKE (S.) Late. It is a seedling and has many good points of many good varieties. The plants are large, vigorous, rustless and without an inferior point. Foliage thick and upright, with an almost round leaf. It is a large stemmed variety and much of the fruit is held from the ground by them. They are similar in size to the Gandy, but more productive, firmer and of better quality. Green tips are unknown in the Chesapeake. It is a good producer on any land that will grow strawberries. One of the best late strawberries. Price, \$3.00 per 1000, \$1.75 per 500.

Heyburn, Idaho, May 14, 1912.

Bridgman Nursery Co., Bridgman, Mich.:

Gentlemen,—Your strawberry plants were in first-class condition when they reached here and are now growing fine. The currants are now leaving out and looking fine. They all look superior to plants I have purchased from another nursery.

Yours truly,

EDWIN VERBURG.



Stevens' Late

POCOMOKE. From the standpoint of a commercial grower, this comes very near being a perfect variety. It is a healthy, luxuriant grower, making plenty of runners and is an abundant bearer of large, firm, bright red berries. Never misshapen and holds up in size better than a great many varieties. It is a superior berry in every way. Very popular as a canning berry. Needs no petting and will produce large crops under reasonable good culture. Price, \$1.60 per 1000, 90 cents per 500.

RED BIRD. A great plant maker and like the Michel, must be kept thin. It produces a good-sized berry for so early a variety; very productive and firm; the earliest known pistillate variety. \$2.50 per 1000, \$1.50 per 500.

SAMPLE (P.) Season very late. The Sample strawberry is admired by everyone who has seen it. Berry is of large size and fine quality, quite firm; continues a long time in fruit; the berries are large to the last. It will yield as many berries as the Haverland, and will average as large as the Bubach. Colors all over at once. Foliage perfect, fruit perfect. Needs no petting. Sample is one of our best late strawberries and you will like them. Our stock is large this year. Price, \$1.75 per 1000, \$1.00 per 500.

CRAMPTON (P.) Medium season. This is a new variety of great promise. A berry of very large size, good flavor, very productive when given good care. Good color, the berries are coxcomb in shape, has a light green foliage free from all plant diseases, has been introduced but a few years, and is gaining in

popularity very fast. We have but a limited stock of these plants to offer this year, and will not

sell more than 100 in one lot, and have made the price low for such a promising berry. Price \$1.00 per 100, 85 cents per 50.

SENATOR DUNLAP. This is the best all-around berry before the American public today. It is a hardy plant, has a long flowering season, resists drought, dark red color, very productive, has large round berries of perfect shape; mid-season to early. Plant Senator Dunlap. We recommend it. We sell more Senator Dunlap plants than any other variety and the demand for this variety has steadily increased every year since its introduction. It does well everywhere and produces enormous crops of fine fruit regularly.

Senator Dunlap is of the Warfield type, has a perfect blossom, is hardy, productive, a splendid keeper and able to hold its own under any "rough and tumble" methods of culture to which it is likely to be subjected. Senator Dunlap is a very heavy bearer of good size evenly shaped fruit of a very beautiful dark red color; its flavor is delicious. For canning it is fine, making a rich, red syrup. It is a first class shipper, and retains its brightness long after being picked. It looks well on the market and sells at top prices. The best proof we have that this berry is a money maker everywhere, is the fact that our customers in nearly every state in the Union are ordering Senator Dunlap in large quantities every year,

often planting several acres solid to this variety. We cannot well recommend Senator Dunlap too highly as we guarantee it to please you in every way. The sale of Senator Dunlap is wonderful.

We have an extra large stock of fine plants growing and would advise you to place your orders early. Price of Senator Dunlap only \$1.65 per 1000.

STEVENS' LATE CHAMPION (P.) This new late variety seems to do well wherever tested. The originator describes it as follows "Very large, fine flavored, bright color, good shipper, a fine bed maker, a heavy yielder, fine foliage." It ripens later than the Gandy and lasts



Haverland

until the Fourth of July. It certainly is a very strong and healthy grower, and a prolific bearer. For a late market it is ahead of the Gandy. Price, \$2.50 per 1000, \$1.50 per 500.

UNCLE JIM (S.) Very large size; immensely productive, reliable variety, rich color good flavor, fine for table or market, should be included in every collection. Price, \$2.00 per 1000, \$1.25 per 500.

WARFIELD (P.) One of the oldest, best known varieties of strawberries grown, and it still has many staunch friends scattered everywhere who have grown it regularly and still find it one of the best. It is a good sized berry, good color, fine flavor, very productive. Price, \$2.00 per 1000, \$1.25 per 500.

WM. BELT (S.) A very fancy berry in every way, in size it is all one can ask, of the very finest flavor, beautiful bright red color, grown for fancy trade, it commands the top prices on every market, very prolific, plant free grower, and should be in every collection of fancy fruit. Price, \$3.00 per 1000, \$1.75 per 500.

TENNESSEE PROLIFIC (S.) "Perfect" blossoms, fine grower, productive, large size, firm and popular with many growers. One of the best Staminate varieties to plant, with medium early and medium pistillate kinds. A good, reliable sort. It is well to plant this berry with the Haverland and other varieties of its season. Price, \$1.75 per 1000, \$1.00 per 500.

SPLENDID (S.) A very productive variety of medium size. Must be kept thin in order to keep it from getting thick in the row for best results, as it surely will do if left to have its own way. Has a strong Staminate blossom, and is a good one for pollenizing such pistillate varieties as Warfield, Crescent and others of that type. Price, \$2.00 per 1000, \$1.25 per 500.

JESSIE. Where the soil conditions are favorable, the Jessie is an exceedingly fancy berry for either home use or market. One of the very largest berries grown, beautiful color, fine flavor and always regular in shape. Price \$3.00 per 1000, \$1.75 per 500.

Mr. F. C. Stahelin & Son:

Walnut, Kansas.

Dear Sir,—Just a line to let you know we secured the plants all right. They arrived in good shape. Are the best I ever saw. We are a thousand times obliged.

C. A. JONES.

Dear Sir,—I received plants yesterday and I find I have not enough and if you have not sold out I wish you would send me a thousand more, half of each, like I have.

Yours truly,

Court, Mich., April 23, 1912.

W. D. FISH.

"Received the plants. They are fine."—W. S. HOGUE, Scotts, Mich.



Glen Mary

NORWOOD (S.) The plants are strong, making a liberal number of runners. Has a perfect blossom and holds it size well through the season. The berry is conical and regular in shape. Color bright red all the way through, growing darker with age. It is firm,

a good keeper, and will ship well. The quality is unsurpassed and the size unequalled, some attaining the enormous size of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. We have a fair size stock and are making the price low while they last. Price, \$5.00 per 1000, \$2.75 per 500.

Our Strawberry Plants Give Satisfaction

Brooming Prairie, Minn., May 24, 1912.

F. C. Stahelin & Son:

Dear Sirs,—The Strawberry plants arrived in fine shape and are doing nicely. I think if more people could see your plants you would have a great trade in this locality. I shall do all I can to recommend your plants.

Yours truly, ALBERT ANDERSON.

Satisfied Customer

Aberdeen, S. Dak., Jan. 5, 1913.

F. C. Stahelin & Son:

Please send me your new catalog. I wish to set out something better or later than Gandy. You will have my entire order this year.

Yours truly,

ALBERT SIMPSON.

Our Choice

We Make you a very Low Price on Our Choice while they last.

This does not mean a variety that is no good, or that we think is poor, or that the plants are inferior in any way, but it means plants that have been mixed up with other kinds; sometimes they may be the highest priced plants we have, and will give good results. We would not sell them to you if they would not be all right. Oftentimes when we are setting **for fruit** we mix them up, for some are better fertilizers than others and in this manner they often find their affinity. We will make you these plants for \$1.35 per 1000.



Eaton

Red Raspberries

Red Raspberries should be planted three feet apart in row, with rows six feet apart. Will grow in any soil where water does not stand, and will make as much money per acre as any other fruit. Should have clean cultivation, and be cut back to $2\frac{1}{2}$ foot canes in the spring.

CUTHBERT. Best late market variety, strong grower, immensely productive, fruit firm, large size, of finest quality, season medium to late, hardy, yielding immense crops wherever planted, a general favorite for an all-around berry plant—Cuthbert. We advise you to plant it for home use or market. We have a very fine lot of plants, and have reduced the price to \$5.00 per 1000.

MILLER RED. An early berry, does not winter kill. We think it is the best shipping berry grown, makes a nice growth of canes, for best medium season berry, set Miller Red, keeps its bright red color a number of days after being picked; a good hardy all around berry. Price, \$5.00 per 1000.

KING RED RASPBERRY. This is the coming red raspberry, being fairly well known now; it is but a question of a few years until the KING leads them all. The past season

they brought the highest prices on the markets. The berries are very large, bright red, firm, make a splendid appearance in the box, cane hardy and a good grower. It is the earliest red raspberry grown, will please you in every way. Thrives well on heavy soil. The price on this great new early raspberry is only \$5.50 per 1000.

THOMPSON EARLY RED RASPBERRY. Has been a favorite with many growers for a long time and on account of its earliness and the consequent high price it continues to hold its own. Were it better known it would be more generally planted. To get you started we will sell this berry this year at the low price of \$4.00 per 1000 while they last.

EATON RED RASPBERRIES. Lately introduced. Has a very long fruiting season, great large berries, has a very characteristic growth of canes, perfectly hardy in most localities, does well on light soils. Price of this variety \$9.00 per 1000.

ANTWERP RED. An old and well known variety, one of the very earliest, still popular where early markets are desired. We have a small stock of this sort which we price to you at \$5.00 per 1000.

Bridgman Nursery Co., Bridgman, Michigan:

Gentlemen,—Plants reached us safely and in good condition. The black raspberries are the finest plants I ever saw. The others are nice too. You are certainly very liberal sending so many extras. I thank you for them. Especially the Cuthbert raspberry. I do not see how you can give extras at the price you sell your plants. I had catalogues from several nurseries and you discounted all of them on prices, and I do not think they could beat you on quality.

Irving, Ill., April 25, 1912.

MRS. ALICE CARRIKER.

Black Raspberries

Should not be set closer than four feet apart in the rows and the rows should be seven feet apart. They should never be set on land that is in any way inclined to be wet. If there is anything that creates trouble with them, and causes more trouble is for them to have "wet feet." Do not under any circumstances plant them where it is the least bit inclined to be wet. Strawberries, Red Raspberries, Blackberries, will all stand more wet, so look out for wet spots. We lost 25 acres when we first commenced by getting too WET.

CUMBERLAND. The most popular Black Cap at the present time, because of its great size, firmness and great productiveness. The fruit is the largest of the raspberry family, often measuring seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, and is of such handsome appearance that it is sure to bring the top of the market. Cumberland is very hardy and will stand many degrees below zero without injury. It is the heaviest bearing variety now grown. The fruit is jet black and of an extra fine quality. Ripens slightly in advance of the Gregg. We have a very large stock of this grand variety and have reduced the price to \$6.00 per 1000. We heartily recommend it.

GREGG. Has been the leading market variety all over the country for years. Evaporators and canners prefer this berry to any other. A standard late Black cap. It is of good size, has a slight bloom, fine flavor, carries well, is easily picked. Plants are fairly hardy and it is well to plant this variety in combination with others. We have grown this variety for many years and find it a good money maker. Price, \$6.00 per 1000.

KANSAS. Entirely healthy, with tough clean hardy foliage. The fruit is very large, of black glossy color, entirely free from bloom. Firm and of best shipping qualities, wonderfully productive and has an extra long picking season. Very valuable for home and market. Price, \$5.50 per 1000.

EUREKA. An extra early black cap, produces a great crop of large berries of good size, jet black and holds its size well to the end, and because of its earliness always commands a high price. Price, \$6.00 per 1000.

CONRATH. A valuable black raspberry and a great money maker, originated in this State, where it has a great many friends. Coal black in color, parts readily from core, good flavor, firm, and of good size. One of the most productive of the black raspberry family. Is extremely hardy. Price, \$6.50 per 1000.



Plum Farmer

PLUM FARMER. We have a limited stock of this variety and as we have never fruited it will give you the introducer's description: "This is the greatest black cap raspberry that has ever been introduced. It was found by us in a batch of plants received from Ohio some fifteen years ago. We have propagated and sold it ever since, and have yet to meet the man who thinks any near as good in the black cap line. It is grown and appreciated from Maine to California and everywhere receives the greatest praise. It is being planted for evaporating and fresh use to the exclusion of all others. The plants are very healthy, have silvery bluish appearance when ripened in the fall, and succeed where others fail. The fruit is grayish black, very firm, attractive, and of a very high flavor and is adapted for evaporating as well as for fresh market or home use. I know of no fruit which pays growers of this locality so well." Price, \$10.00 per 1000.

Blackberries

Should be planted in light dry soil about 4 feet apart and with rows 7 feet. Requiring about 1800 plants per acre.

BLOWERS. A new variety of Blackberry originating in western New York. Cane perfectly healthy and a wonderful grower, making almost a complete row the first season, and oftentimes bearing a partial crop the first year, of wonderfully large, luscious, sweet blackberries without any apparent core. Very hardy and does not winter kill. We have a limited amount of plants of this variety and orders should be placed early. Price, \$10.00 per 1000.

MERCEREAU. Early to mid-season, succeeds well almost anywhere, the canes are of an exceedingly strong upright habit, attaining a great height if permitted to grow unchecked

and are strong enough to remain erect. Beautiful green foliage, the yield of berries is simply enormous and affording a long picking season. Frost proof, having stood 25 below zero without freezing. As a shipper and keeper it has no equal. We have reduced the price of this berry so as to bring it within the reach of all. Price, \$12.00 per 1000.

EARLY HARVEST. If you want a blackberry that is sweet, ripens early and produces great crops, has the exact flavor and looks of the wild berry which it resembles in growth and size, plant the Early Harvest. The finest of all berries for canning. Price, \$7.00 per 1000.

ELDORADO. The hardiest blackberry grown, does well all over the great Northwest, as hardy as the Snyder and twice as large. Is

of fine quality, firm and good shipper. One of its principal assets is that it needs no protection in winter. Very productive and does well where others fail. We have the genuine Eldorado plants which we guarantee to be true to name, and as we have an enormous stock we will sell them out at \$10.00. Price, \$10.00 per 1000.

WILSON'S EARLY. The largest and most productive of the blackberry family produces fruit in large clusters, holds its color better than any berry that is put upon the market, and brings the highest price at any and all times. It is a berry that can be shipped thousands of miles, and reach its destination in good shape. Is a berry that is always firm and can hang on the bushes for eight or ten days after ripening. In localities where it is known and its culture understood it is preferred above all others. The Wilson blackberry plant is somewhat tender and needs to be protected from severe cold weather, its habit of growth being somewhat willowy, easily admits of its being bent close to the ground, where it can be quickly and easily covered with some slight mulching for the winter. We have fruited the Wilson for 25 years and find it our best money maker. Try it. Price, \$6.00 per 1000.

Currants

Should be set about five feet apart each way. We know of no fruit where fertilizers liberally applied will yield better returns. The Currant is a favorite in the household for jellies, pies, table use, etc. They will do well on almost any kind of rich soil. Our Currant plants this year are the best we ever had, having extra fine roots and fine cane.



Perfection



Wilson's Early

LONDON MARKET (Red). Is the best variety for home use and market. A strong grower, productive, and bears very large fruit. Is exceptionally free from the attack of worms and borers, which helps to make it so popular. Price, \$4.00 per 100.

WILDER (Red.) The strongest grower and the most productive, bunch and berry large, bright red, hangs on bushes in fine condition for handling as late as any known variety. Ripens with Fay's Prolific, fully as prolific and is in every way profitable. A popular berry for table and market. Price \$4.00 per 100.

FAY'S PROLIFIC (Red.) Well known and popular Currant, grown in every State in the union. Color deep red, great bearer, large bunches and berries hold their size until the end of the stem. Fine flavor, not quite so sour as some. Fay's Prolific is an extra fine red currant. Try them. Price, \$4.00 per 100.

PERFECTION (Red.) This is a wonderful new currant and every garden should have a few planted in it. Very productive, of extra good quality, color is of a beautiful bright red, perfectly healthy, a vigorous grower and by far the best currant for home use or market purposes under cultivation. Perfection was awarded the \$50.00 Barry gold medal by the Western New York Horticultural Society, and received the highest award given any new fruit at the Pan-American Exposition. Try a hundred of them. Price \$8.00 per 100.

Dear Sirs,—The plants arrived O. K. They are dandy plants. Thanks for the extras.

F. M. HOLMES,
Prescott, Ia.

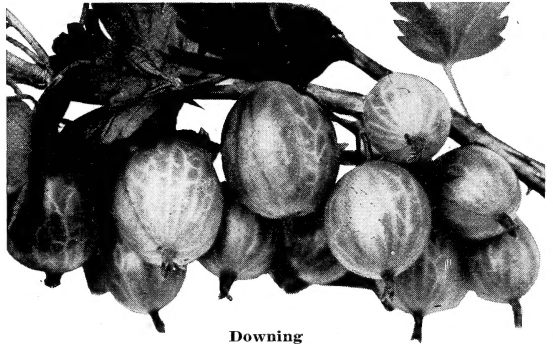
April 25, 1912.

Gooseberries

The method of planting gooseberries is too well known to require an explanation, but it is a very profitable crop and the demand seems to be on the increase. They can be planted almost any place and do well under almost any conditions. Gooseberries were very high on the Chicago market during the past year, bringing from ten to twenty cents per quart.

DOWNING. Is a yellowish green berry, one of the oldest and most reliable of the large fruiting varieties. A very prolific bearer, of splendid quality and very fine for both table and cooking use. A vigorous grower and usually free from mildew. Price, \$6.00 per 100.

HOUGHTON. Bush a vigorous grower with slender branches, enormously productive, medium size, pale red when ripe, tender and good. The Houghton is a very profitable gooseberry, as the fruit hangs so thick on the branches



Downing

that it can be easily stripped off by wearing leather gloves, then they may be run through a fanning mill to remove the leaves. This is the great advantage the Houghton has over any other Gooseberry. Price, \$6.00 per 100.

Grapes

Grapes should be planted about eight by twelve, requiring about four hundred and twenty-five per acre. Grapes are a very tempting fruit and can be grown in any locality. If you have not planted any try some this year, and get one of the luxuries that will cost you but little effort. We offer you a choice selection to pick from.

CONCORD. A large Blue Black grape, ripens in northern states about the middle of September. A vigorous grower, the standard for productiveness and hardiness all over the country. We advise setting Concord for late crop. They are an excellent grape and will please you. Price, \$2.50 per 100.

WORDEN. An improved seedling of the Concord, being larger and handsomer, ten days

earlier, of the best quality, very choice and reliable, not as prolific as Concord and are not planted so extensively for market. An especially fine grape for home use and the finest flavored black grape grown. Price, \$3.25 per 100.

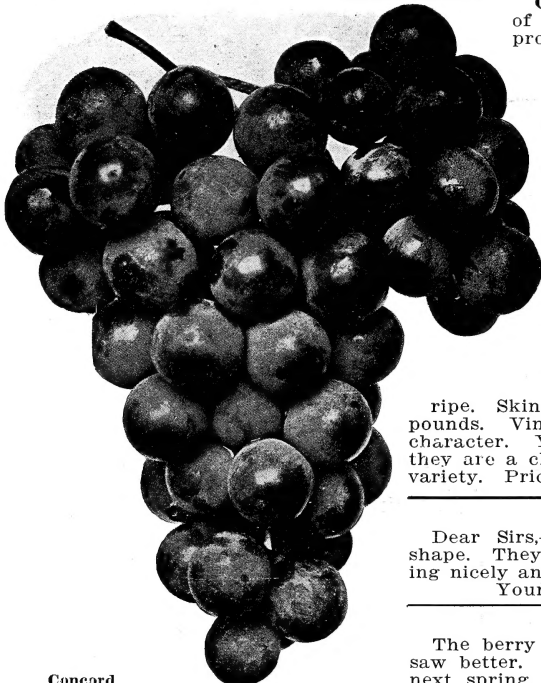
MOORE'S EARLY. Black, berries and bunch much larger than Concord, very sweet, being the finest table grape on the market. Vine exceedingly hardy and has been exposed to temperature of 20 degrees below zero without injury. It is one of the few varieties that is almost exempt from mildew or disease. Its earliness, good quality and fine appearance make it a very profitable market variety. We heartily recommend it. Price, \$4.50 per 100.

CAMPBELL'S EARLY. This is a new grape of great promise, excellent quality and very productive. Campbell's Early will not crack and as a good keeper and shipper it is believed to be unequalled by any other grape. It ripens with Moore's Early and improves in flavor for some time after being ripe. An extra large cluster and berry of glossy black color with a beautiful blue bloom, pulp sweet and juicy. Seeds part readily from the pulp. The vines can stand exceptionally cold weather, having been subjected to 18 degrees below zero without any apparent harm. We offer you this very valuable new grape at \$8.50 per hundred.

White Grapes

NIAGARA (White Grapes.) The leading white grape throughout the country.

Fruit is large and of fine quality, there is none that equals Niagara. Color is greenish white, changing to pale yellow when fully ripe. Skin thin. Clusters oftentimes weigh as much as 2 pounds. Vine is exceedingly free from disease of any character. You should not fail to set the Niagara as they are a choice table grape as well as a good market variety. Price \$4.00 per 100.



Concord

Howell, Mich., June 9, 1912.

Dear Sirs,—Your strawberry plants arrived in fine shape. They are the nicest I ever saw. They are growing nicely and expect to have a good crop next year.

Yours truly,

CHAS. A. HOAG.

Gratiot County, Mich., May 10, 1912.

The berry plants I got from you were fine. I never saw better. You will have my order for all I will set next spring. Yours respectfully, JOHN HOWARD.

PRICE LIST

Strawberries

	100	500	1000		100	500	1000
August Luther (S).....	\$0.65	\$1.25	\$2.00	Jessie (S)	\$0.75	\$1.75	\$3.00
Aroma (S) .....	.65	1.25	2.00	Lovett (S) .....	.50	.90	1.50
Brandywine (S) .....	.70	1.25	2.25	Michel's Early (S) .....	.50	.90	1.50
Bederwood (S) .....	.65	1.15	2.00	Norwood (S)	1.00	2.75	5.00
Bubach (P) .....	.70	1.50	2.50	Pocomoke (S) .....	.50	.90	1.75
Clyde (S) .....	.65	1.25	2.00	Red Bird (S) .....	.65	1.50	2.50
Crescent (P) .....	.65	1.15	2.00	Sample (P) .....	.60	1.00	1.75
Chesapeake (S) .....	.75	1.75	3.00	Senator Dunlap (S) .....	.55	1.00	1.65
Crampton (P)	1.00	....	....	Stevens Late (P) .....	.65	1.50	2.50
Enormous (P) .....	.65	1.25	2.00	Splendid (S) .....	.60	1.25	2.00
Gandy (S) .....	.70	1.50	2.50	Tennessee Prolific (S) .....	.60	1.00	1.75
Glen Mary (Bisex).....	.65	1.15	2.00	Pride of Michigan (S) .....	.50	.90	1.50
Gibson (S) .....	.70	1.40	2.50	Uncle Jim (S) .....	.65	1.25	2.00
Gersonde (S) .....	.60	1.00	1.75	Warfield (P) .....	.65	1.25	2.00
Haverland (P) .....	.60	1.00	2.00	Wm. Belt (S) .....	.75	1.75	3.00

Red Raspberries

	100	500	1000		100	500	1000
Cuthbert	\$0.90	\$3.00	\$5.00	Thompson's Early	\$0.80	\$2.50	\$4.00
Miller .....	.90	3.00	5.00	Eaton	1.30	5.00	9.00
King .....	.95	3.25	5.50	Antwerp .....	.90	3.00	5.00

Black Raspberries

	100	500	1000		100	500	1000
Cumberland	\$1.00	\$3.50	\$6.00	Eureka	\$1.00	\$3.50	\$6.00
Gregg	1.00	3.50	6.00	Conrath	1.05	3.75	6.50
Kansas .....	.95	3.25	5.50	Plum Farmer	1.40	5.50	10.00

Blackberries

	100	500	1000		100	500	1000
Blowers	\$1.50	\$5.50	\$10.00	Eldorado	\$1.50	\$5.50	\$10.00
Mercereau	1.70	6.50	12.00	Wilson	1.10	3.50	6.00
Early Harvest	1.20	4.00	7.00				

Currants

	Per 100		Per 100
London Market	\$4.00	Fay's Prolific	\$4.00
Wilder	4.00	Perfection	8.00

Gooseberries

	Per 100		Per 100
Downing	\$6.00	Houghton	\$6.00

Grapes

	Per 100		Per 100
Concord	\$2.50	Campbell's Early	\$8.50
Worden	3.25	Niagara (White) .....	.400
Moore's Early	4.50		

CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION

Certificate No. 1298

This is to Certify, that I have examined the nursery stock of Bridgman Nursery Company, and find it apparently free from dangerous insects and dangerously contagious tree and plant diseases.

This certificate to be void after July 13, 1913.

L. R. TAFT,

State Inspector of Nurseries and Orchards.

Agricultural College, Mich., October 4, 1912.

BRIDGMAN NURSERY CO.

Bridgman, Michigan

F. C. STAHELIN & SON, Proprietors



From a Large Dealer

Will you please send me sample of your cane plants. If satisfactory will want some. I want nothing but first-class plants.

(Reply after receiving samples.)

You may book me for 20,000 Kings, 50,000 Cuthberts, 15,000 Miller and 50,000 each of Cumberlands and Kansas. The samples are satisfactory.

Yours truly,

Can give name on application. Perhaps party would not prefer to be advertised.